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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(3)**

**Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**

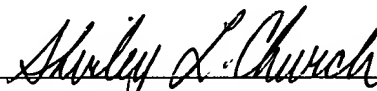
Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(3), applicants hereby request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the mailing of a first Office Action in the subject application. Applicants are providing herewith a copy of each document cited on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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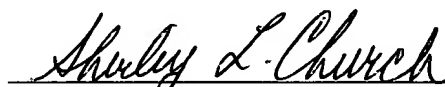
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If the Examiner has any questions, s/he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Applicants are submitting the subject Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(3). This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the mailing of a first Office Action in the subject application.

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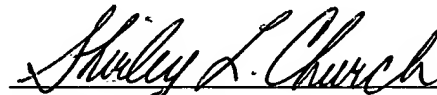
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Applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(3). However, in the event that any additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1512 of Shirley L. Church, Sunnyvale, California, in the amount of such fee.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

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